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SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATES ON NEXT BRITISH MOVES IN FISHERIES DISPUTE

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1. POOR PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND SPECULATION ON NEXT STEPS IN WHAT IS SEEN AS LOOMING ICELAND-UK COD WAR WERE FOCUS OF PRESS ATTENTION THIS MORNING FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF YESTERDAY'S FISHERIES TALKS.

2. POSSIBILITY THAT UK WOULD NOW SEND IN WARSHIPS TO PROTECT TRAWLERS IN ICELAND'S CLAIMED WATERS WAS OBJECT OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. LACKING ANY HARD NEWS OF SUCH DEVELOPMENTS, PAPERS UNCLASSIFIED

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FEATURED STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO CHIEF UK NEGOTIATOR ROY

HATTERSLEY TO EFFECT THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THAT BRITISH VESSELS WILL BE SAFEGUARDED AND THAT FLEET WILL BE READY IF NEEDED. INDEPENDENCE PARTY DAILY MORGUNBLADID REPORTED THAT THREE UNARMED BRITISH SUPPLY SHIPS WERE ON WAY TO ICELANDIC WATERS TO ASSIST FISHING BOATS IN EVENT OF HARASSMENT.

3. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT THUS FAR WAS IN MORGUNBLADID, WHICH SAID THAT IF UK SENDS IN WARSHIPS TO ENFORCE CLAIM TO CATCH IN EXCESS OF 100,000 TONS, RESULT COULD BE DEPRIVATION OF MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD THAT HAS SUSTAINED ICELAND FOR 1100 YEARS. PAPER SAID ICELAND MUST NOW TAKE CASE TO INTERNATIONAL FORUM AND APPEAL TO FRIENDLY NATIONS TO USE INFLUENCE ON BRITISH TO PREVENT SUCH ACTION.

4. MOST ACCOUNTS OF STALEMATED MEETING ITSELF WERE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND ALONG LINES REFTEL. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS WERE ALSO INCLUDED IN COVERAGE:

--PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON SENT PERSONAL MESSAGE WITH HATTERSLEY FOR PRIME MINISTER WILSON. HALLGRIMSSON WOULD NOT REVEAL CONTENTS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HE HAD NOT REQUESTED MEETING WITH WILSON.

--UPON ARRIVAL IN ICELAND HATTERSLEY PROTESTED TO FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON OVER NOVEMBER 15 CUTTING OF NETS ON BRITISH TRAWLERS BY ICELANDIC COAST GUARD, TERMING SUCH ACTION "INTOLERABLE" BY ONE NATO ALLY AGAINST ANOTHER. AGUSTSSON RESPONDED BY PROTESTING ACTION OF BRITISH TRAWLERS IN ICELANDIC WATERS.

--UK NEGOTIATORS WALKED OUT OF LUNCHEON AT LOCAL HOTEL YESTERDAY WHEN THEY LEARNED OF ALLEGED NEW ATTEMPT BY COAST GUARD TO INTERFERE WITH BRITISH TRAWLERS. (REPORT PRNVED UNFOUNDED.)

5. ONLY OPPOSITION PEOPLES ALLIANCE DAILY THJODVILJINN DEPARTED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM STRAIGHTFORWARD APPROACH TO EVENTS OF OTHER PAPERS BY PLAYING UP CLAIM THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NOW CONFIRMED IT WAS PREPARED TO MAKE MAJOR CONCESSIONS TO UK JUST AS THJODVILJINN HAS BEEN MAINTAINING.
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